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COVER? YOU MEAN WITH HUGE MUSCULAR HEROIC MALES AND BEAUTIFULLY EROTIC FEMALES ENGAGING IN GRATUITOUS VIOLENCE AGAINST SINISTER CRIMINAL SUPER BRAINS AND THEIR UGLY STUPID HENCHMEN IN EXOTIC MOODY HI-TECH SUBTERRANEAN BASES IN THE ETERNAL STRUGGLE TO PREVENT THE GOOD BEING WASHED AWAY IN A TIDE OF CHAOTIC EVIL MAYHEM...

... SORRY, MATE-- YOU'LL HAVE TO LOOK INSIDE FOR ALL THAT!



ALAN DAVIS - NEARY

STILL CRAZY

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

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DEDICATED TO
DAVE THORPE,
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THE CRAZY GANG!

FRASER'S BANK,
THAMESIDE,
LONDON...

SHE BOUGHT
OUT THE
ENTIRE ROLL,
A MONTH'S
WAGES
WORTH OF
TICKETS.

A WILD, OUT-
RAGEOUS GESTURE--
HER FAMILY WAS
PROPERLY
SCANDALIZED,
HER FRIENDS
DELIGHTED--

--BUT IN HIS
ARMS, SHE
DIDN'T CARE.

KISS
CAPTAIN
£1 BRITAIN
IN AID OF
CANCER RELIEF

DEAREST
COURTNEY--
WITH LOVE--
CAPTAIN
BRITAIN

FINANCIAL TIMES

CLAREMONT & DAVIS
CREATORS

SO YOUNG SHE WAS.

SO EASILY
SATISFIED.



NOT LONG AFTERWARDS, BRIAN BRADDOCK DISAPPEARED.

COURTNEY ASSUMED HE'D BEEN SLAIN BY ONE OF HIS MANY SUPER-VILLAIN FOES.

SHE GRIEVED--AND, FOR A TIME, THOUGHT SHE'D NEVER BE WHOLE AGAIN.

THEN, SHE GOT ON WITH HER LIFE.

YOU WERE ALWAYS SO PROPERLY SERIOUS, BRIAN-- ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR ROLE-- YOU WERE THE ANCHOR...



...THAT ALLOWED ME TO DARE ALMOST ANYTHING...

...THE DEVIL WITH BEING SCARED!

THAT, AT LEAST, LASTED AFTER YOU WERE GONE.



HELPED ME GET WHERE I AM TODAY.

CLAN FRASER MAY OWN THIS BANK...

...BUT I RUN IT FOR THEM.

COURTNEY ROSS-- THE "ICE QUEEN"--



-- AN UP-AND-COMING POWER TO BE RECKONED WITH...

...IN THE WORLD BANKING SYSTEM--

...?!?



LOVELY LOVELY--

-- BLESS MY SOUL, COMPEERS, I DARESAY...

WE ARE THE CRAZY GANG!

I'D NEVER HAVE GUESSED.

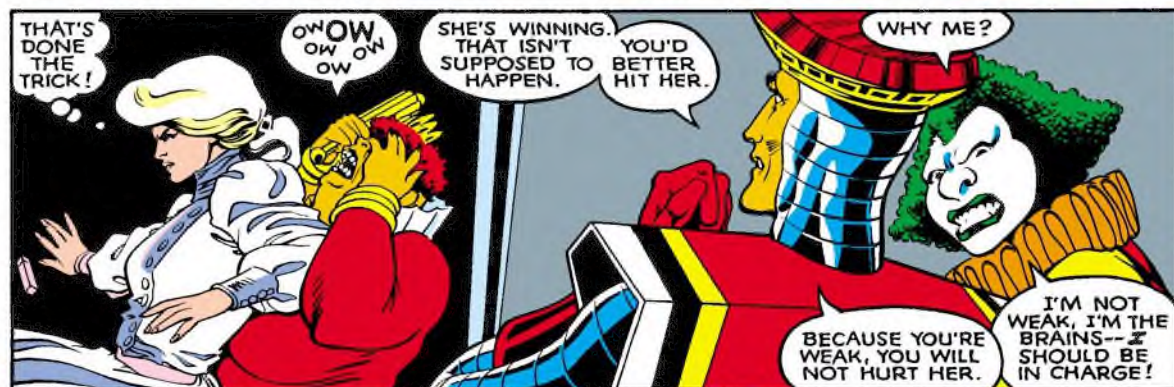
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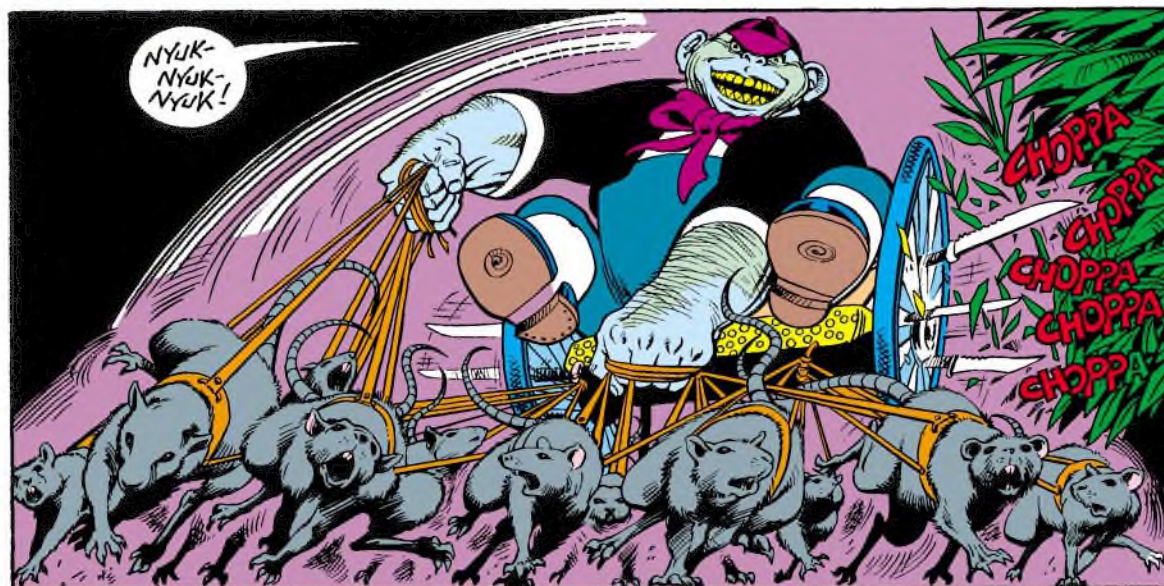
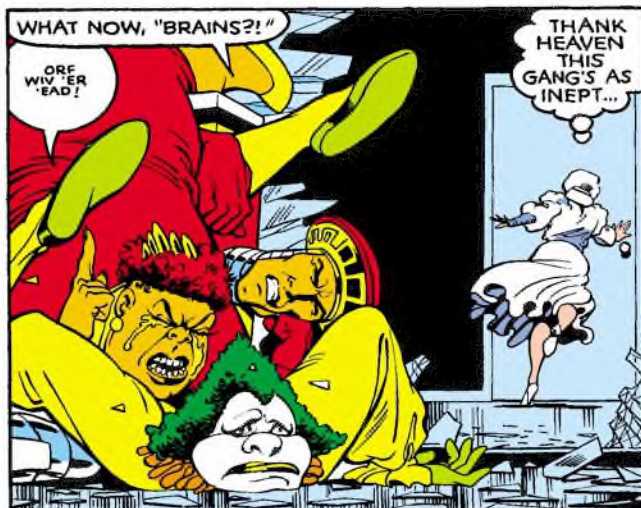
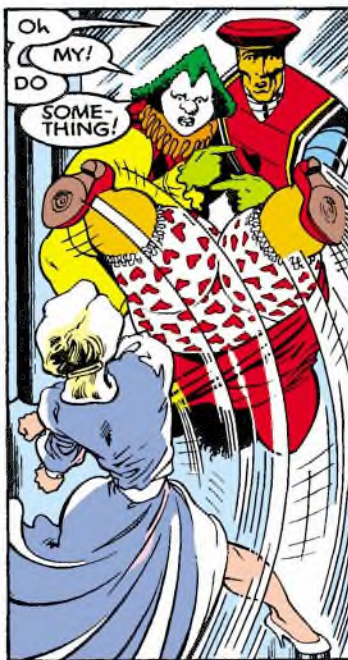
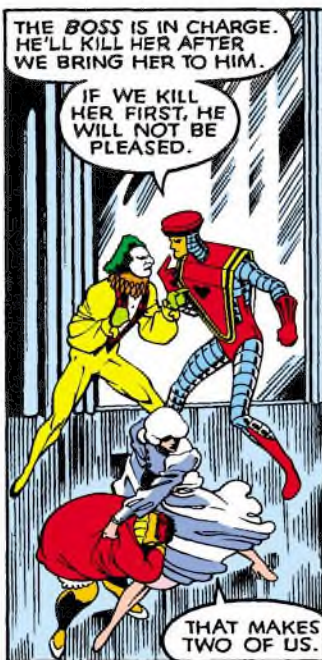
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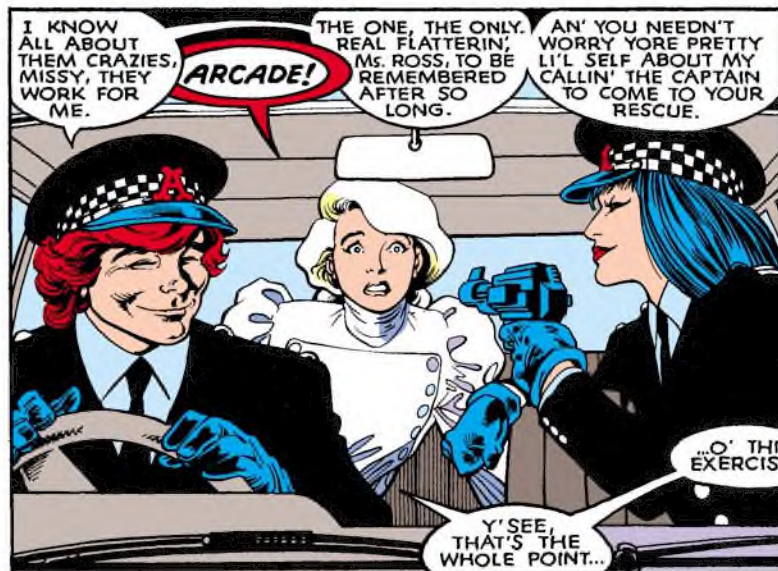
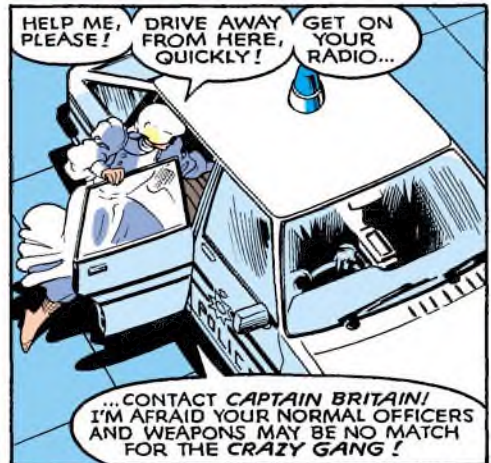
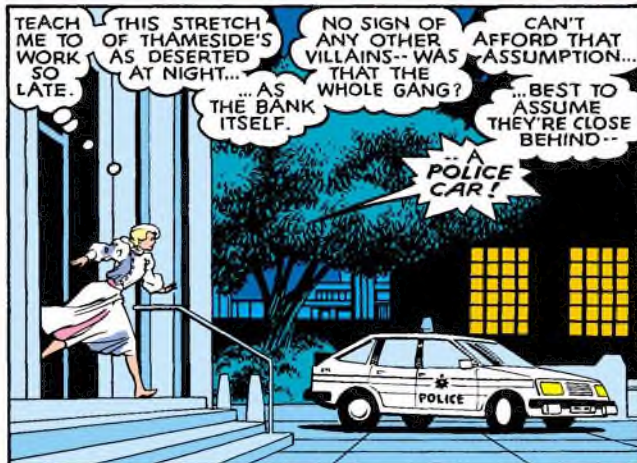
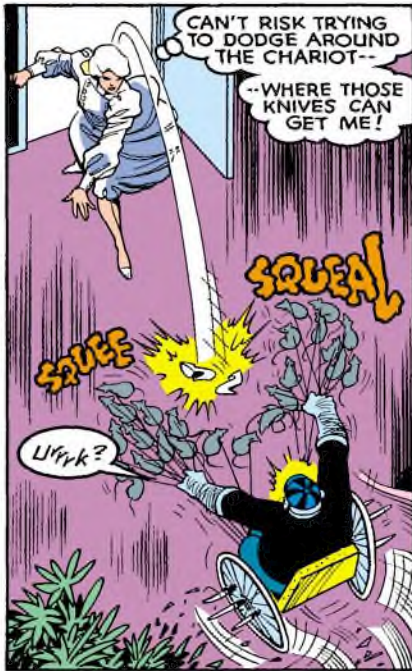
AND WE HAVE COME FOR YOU!

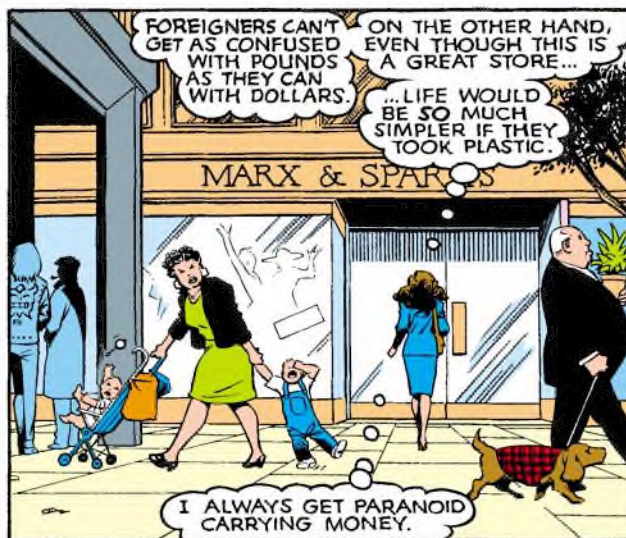
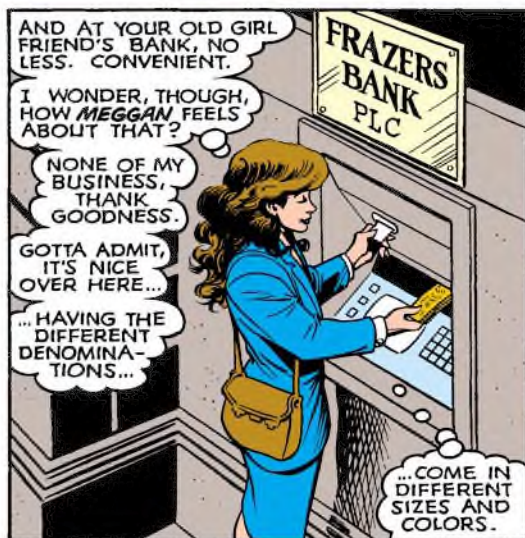
I WAS AFRAID OF THAT.

ORF WIV 'ER 'EAD!









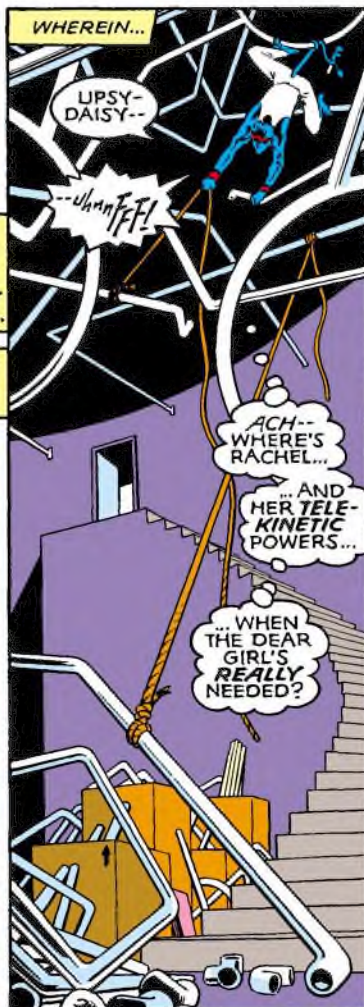




NOT FAR ALONG
THE COAST FROM
TOWN...

... IS THE
LIGHT-
HOUSE
RECENTLY
ADOPTED BY
EXCALIBUR...

... AS HOME
AND HEAD-
QUARTERS.



WHEREIN...

UPSY-
DAISY--

--UHHHFF!

ACH--
WHERE'S
RACHEL...

... AND HER TELE-
KINETIC
POWERS...

... WHEN THE DEAR
GIRL'S
REALLY
NEEDED?



A DAY, PERHAPS
TWO...

...AND MY
"JUNGLE
GYM"...

...WILL BE
FINISHED.

THEN--
AT LAST--

--I CAN
GET...

...SOME
PROPER
EXERCISE.

NIGHT-
CRAWLER?



GLUTEN MORGEN,
FRAULEIN MEGGAN.
WO BIST DU?

?

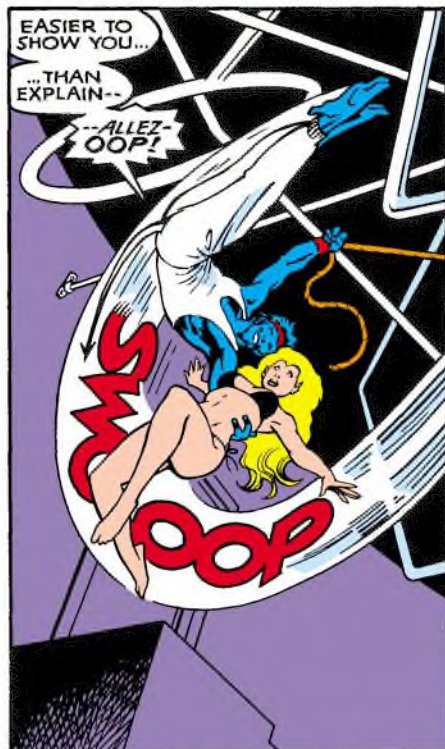
THAT'S GERMAN,
LIKE ME.

ARE
YOU
WELL?

VERY.

YOU
CERTAINLY
LOOK
IT.

KURT, WHAT-
EVER ARE
YOU DOING?
WHAT'S ALL
THIS FOR??



EASIER TO
SHOW YOU...

... THAN
EXPLAIN--

--ALLEZ-
OOP!



ARE YOU
MAD?!

SWASH-
BUCKLER
BY
NATURE.

HERO BY
PROFESSION.

FOR SOME-
ONE RAISED
IN A CIRCUS...



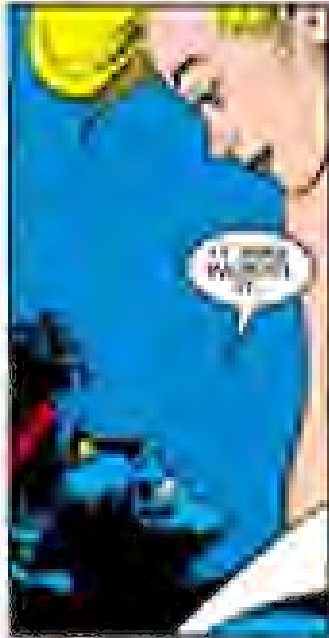
... WHAT BETTER WAY...

... TO HONE MY
ACROBATIC
SKILLS?

ESPECIALLY
WHEN I CAN
RESCUE...

...A DAMSEL
IN
DISTRESS!

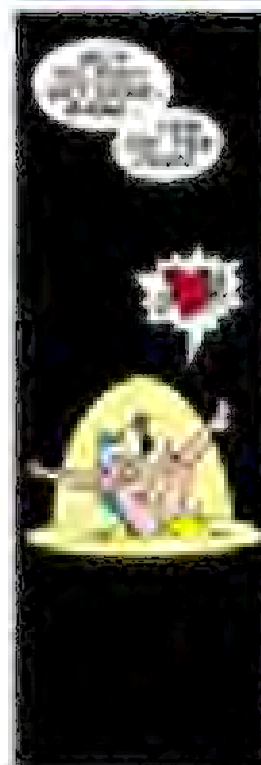


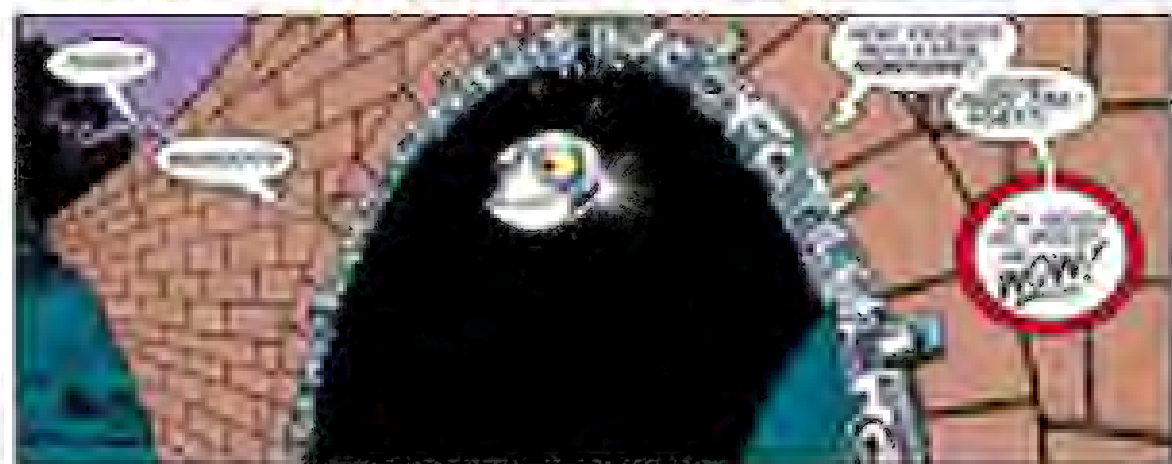




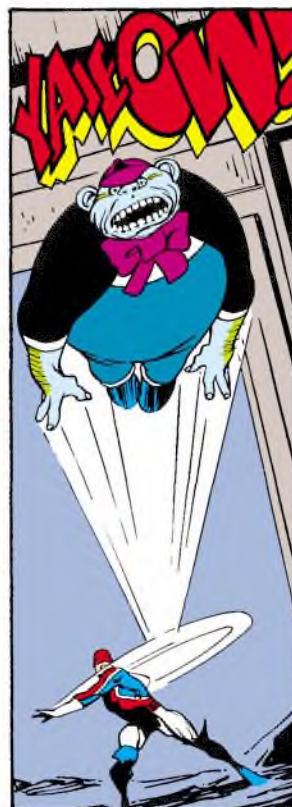
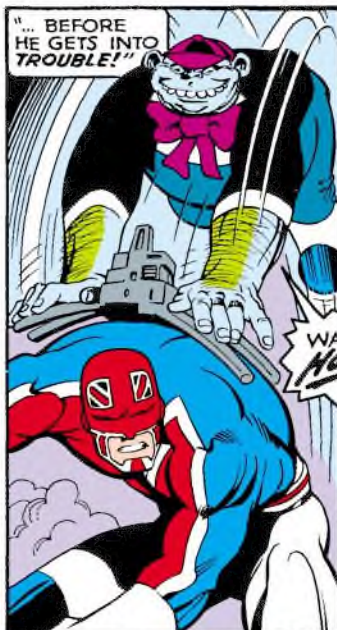
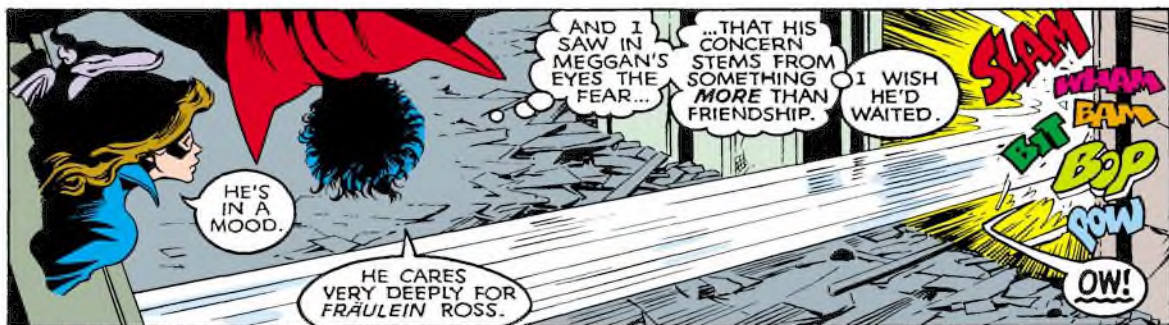














A DISTRACTION AS MOMENTARY...

THAT CRY--

--IT'S MY BABY BROTHER--

--SCOTT AND MADELYNE'S SON--

--NATHAN NEEDS ME--

--HE'S CALLING FOR MY HELP!*

* X-FACTOR #35.
X-MEN #241.--T.K.

...AS IT PROVES MOMENTOUS.

THE OTHER TRANSITIONS WERE INSTANTANEOUS.

BECAUSE-- FOR ALL THEIR POWER AND TRAINING-- HER TEAMMATES ARE STILL ESSENTIALLY HUMAN.

RACHEL IS PHOENIX--

--IN FACT AS WELL AS NAME--

--THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Oopsie.

SLIGHT MIS-CALCULATION THERE, ARCADE.

NOTHIN' THAT CAN'T BE HANDLED.

DON'T FRET, MISS LOCKE, RED'LL GET HERS IN THE END, JUST LIKE THE REST-- YOU'LL SEE.

GAME'S NO FUN IF IT'S A SURE THING.

UNEXPECTED ADDS SOME SPICE-- GREATER THE DANGER, MORE INTENSE THE THRILL, SWEETER THE VICTORY.

MORE GALLING THE DEFEAT.

SO THE RABBIT SAID TO THE PRIVATE EYE...

YOU UNDERESTIMATED MS. ROSS AS WELL.

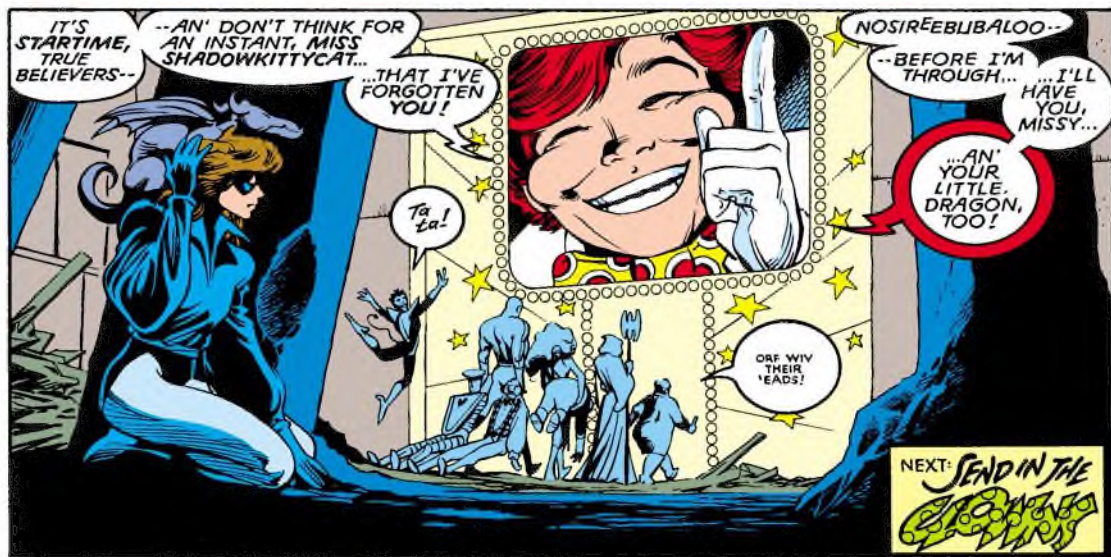
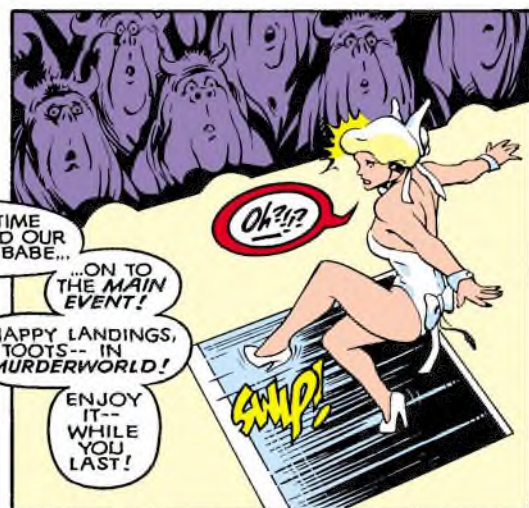
SHE'S VERY GOOD.

SO WHADDYA WANT--

--I SHOULD MAYBE BOOK HER ON THE SHANDLING SHOW? CARSON?? PEREGRINE'S PERCH???

THE SHADOWBRAT'S STILL ONNA LOOSE.

MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL, SCAN FOR HER-- AN' THE REDHEAD, TOO!



NEXT: *SEND IN THE CLONING*